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People like Shakespeare's plays more than Edgar Allen Poe.

- (a) more than Edgar Allen Poe.
- (b) more than Edgar Allen Poe's stories.
- (c) more than they like Edgar Allen Poe.
- (d) more than Edgar Allen Poe does.
- (e) more than does Edgar Allen Poe.

Answer a b c d e

Vocab Level

Logic Level 650

Applications SAT PSAT ACT ISEE SSAT GMAT GRE LSAT Other

CLUES

more than	Type Direction
Shakespeare's plays	Type Content
	Type

OPPORTUNITIES

Identify the error	Type Strategy
Predict a correction	Type
Match your prediction	Type

Edgar Allen Poe (January 19, 1809 – October 7, 1849) was an American who wrote mystery and detective stories. He also wrote poems. If you are not familiar with the name "Edgar Allen Poe," and mistakenly thought it was the name of a book or a play, it would be impossible to know that the question involves a faulty comparison. Additionally, on the SAT, titles of plays and stories will be in *italics* whereas short stories and poems will be written in quotes. Knowing the style conventions that are used on the SAT will help you know what type of content is referenced, even if you do not know the specific author or title.

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This is a classic comparison issue question so you need to make sure the two things being compared are of the same type. It's impossible to compare *Shakespeare's plays* with *Edgar Allen Poe*; one is a set of written works and the other is a person. You can only compare Shakespeare's plays to other literary works so the correct answer choice is (B) *more than Edgar Allen Poe's stories*.

Basic

It might be helpful to eliminate some of the other answer choices. If you aren't sure of what the error in the sentence is, read all the choices to see if you can get rid of some of them. In this example, both (D) and (E) compare how much Edgar Allen Poe might like Shakespeare's plays with how much "some people today" like the same plays. If you know who Edgar Allen Poe is, you can logically assume that no one today really knows how Poe felt about Shakespeare's plays. Eliminating those two choices would make guessing worthwhile.